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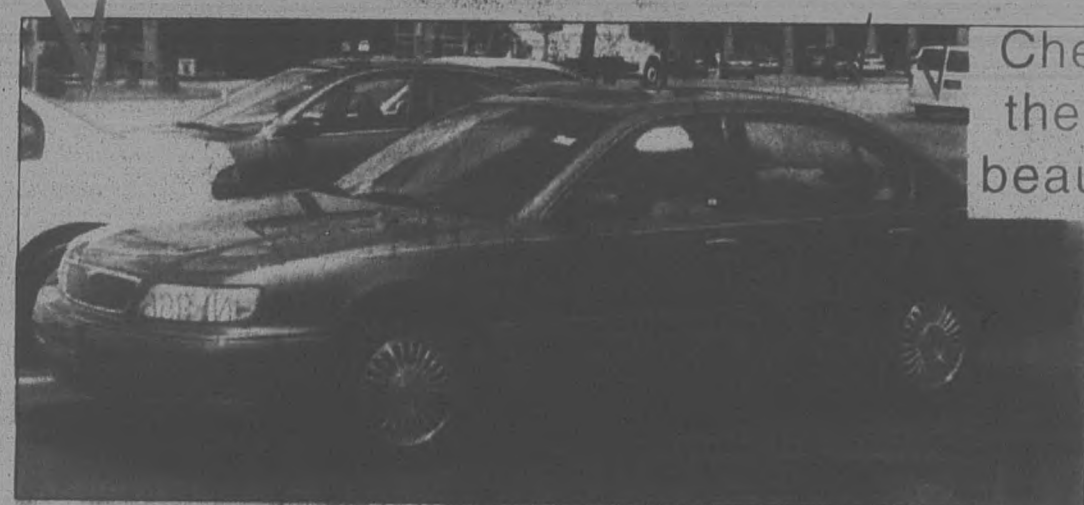


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## Battle against West Nile Virus needs every citizen to help eliminate mosquitoes

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

West Nile virus, a disease that can be fatal to humans, horses and a number of other warm blooded animals and birds, is making its presence known here this summer in a very strong way. As of last week there have been four human deaths in Louisiana and a much larger number of confirmed illnesses from the mosquito spread infection.

The cycle of the virus includes mosquitoes feeding on the blood of a bird and thus infecting the bird. The virus incubates in the bird's blood and is transmitted to another mosquito which bites it. The mosquito has the virus particles stored in their salivary glands then bites a human (or horse) and transmits the infection to that host. Humans and horses are classified as "dead end" host because they don't produce enough of the viremia, and do not contribute to the transmission cycle. This is just one of many viruses that can be transmitted by the mosquito. Others include encephalitis, dengue fever, and malaria to humans, and a variety of diseases to wildlife and domestic animals including dog heart worms and eastern equine encephalitis.

Avoid mosquito bites by applying insect repellent when spending time outdoors. Use repellent safely. Always read and follow product instructions. Human illness from West Nile virus is rare, even in areas where the virus has been reported. The chance that any one person is going to become ill from a mosquito bite is low.

There is no documented evidence of person-to-person or animal-to-person transmission of WN virus. Because WN virus is transmitted by infectious

mosquitoes, dogs or cats could be exposed to the virus in the same way humans become infected. However there is very little evidence of dogs and cats dying or suffering extensive illnesses from the virus. There is no reason to destroy an animal just because it has been infected with WN virus. Full recovery from the infection is likely. However approximately 40% of the horses known to be infected with the virus ultimately die.

History: West Nile virus was first isolated from a female adult woman in the West Nile District of Uganda in 1937 (hence its name). From there it slowly spread to other countries. The first documented appearance of WN virus in United States was in 1999, with encephalitis reported in humans and horses.

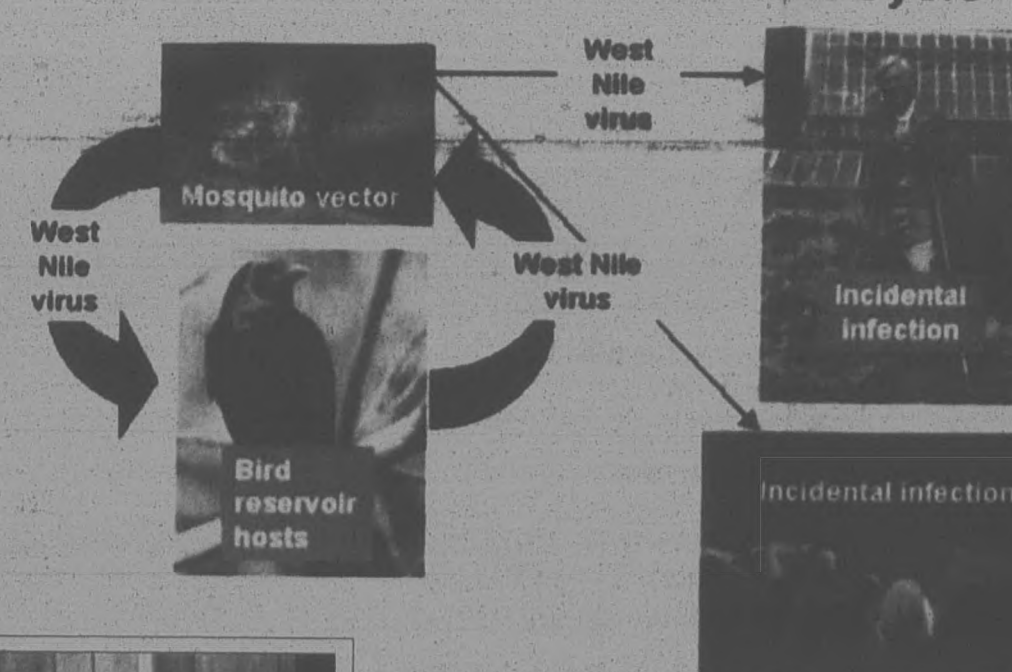
Each year since the virus has seemed to arrive earlier in the year and be confirmed in more and more states.

During 1999, 62 humans were diagnosed with West Nile encephalitis in New York City and 7 of those humans died. During 2000, 21 humans were diagnosed with West Nile encephalitis in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. 2 of those humans died. There were 59 reported human cases during 2001 with 5 deaths. Two of the cases during 2001 were detected in Alabama; one was a fatality.

Most people infected with the virus, however, do not even know it.

Studies in the northeastern U.S. revealed that almost 200 people were infected for every person that showed any illness. Of the ill people, only about 1% developed encephalitis; around 10% of the encephalitis patients died.

### West Nile Virus Transmission Cycle





## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
with Ferrin Cox

The article on the West Nile virus is not intended to panic anyone. The odds are still very, very slim that any one individual will be infected and seriously affected by the bug. However, like avoiding lightning storm situations, it is just good business to be careful. The mosquitoes transmit this virus and Coffee County has plenty of mosquitoes. There are a number of simple things all individuals can do to reduce the breeding places for these biting "things" and it is to the benefit of us as individuals and to society if we will practice these preventive measures.

We didn't watch the televised debates between the two major candidates for governor on Monday night. Judging by the news reports of the event, it turned out as we expected. Aside from the dumb questions asked by some of the news media folks present, the two candidates rolled out their previously practiced slams at each other's so-called weaknesses. As if that wasn't enough, we got some more of the same Tuesday on the fax machine from the Riley campaign.

Neither of the candidates can claim to be perfect. Riley has a horrible voting record during his time in Washington and there is no way he can excuse it all away as "family problems." We have gotten just as mad as the next person over some of the shady looking actions taken by Siegelman's staffers in the state capital offices. While he can honestly say he didn't do this or that, he is "the man" and ultimately responsible for all those staffers actions - good or bad. Then we consider it an insult to our intelligence when we get faxes critical of the governor for not naming those corporations he claims are not paying their fair share of the state taxes. Those sending the fax know and we know that it would be against Alabama law for any state official to release confidential tax data on any individual or company. Then, there are the news reporters who question the governor on the price he sold his Montgomery home for, inferring that one of the buyers being appointed to a non-paying committee job was some sort of pay off. Folks, we personally know those non-paying committee appointments and they ain't something to fight for by any stretch of the imagination - that is unless your ego is about three times normal size and this is the only way you know how to stroke it. Otherwise it is something you do simply as your civic duty.

The above section is somewhat critical of both candidates but appears to lean toward support of the incumbent, Don Siegelman. We confess that is where our heart is on this matter. He works as hard at this job as any person could, starting early in the morning and working late into the night. The fact that none of us completely agree with everything he says or does, means we are each exercising our rights as Americans and not being a jerk. It is wrong every time one of us disagrees with his words or actions.

We continue to be disturbed by what appears to be a rash of kidnapping/murders, etc. of children and teenage girls all across America. While it is disturbing and something needs to be done to curtail this type action, please convince us that this is not a downturn in civilization but just better communication. Hopefully, Americans are just hearing about these things more often and faster.

It is easy to see why we are down here in Elba, Alabama and not running the show in Washington. The announcement that Saddam Hussein was willing to have inspectors back in his country sounded great to us . . . thinking that is what federal intelligent officials have been clamoring for during the last year. Now we are hearing that such an offer is hardly worth commenting on. "It's a joke" according to Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, commenting on an offer for a delegation of U. S. congressmen and arms experts of their choice to tour suspected weapon sites in Iraq. U. S. officials reportedly dismissed an offer by the Iraqi officials to meet with the head of the U.N. inspection team. Okay, exactly what do we want - besides a shooting war?

## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of July 29, 2002, through August 4, 2002. They were: Pearl Moseley, Harvey Locklar, Jimmy White, Alcus New, Rickey Kendrick, April McNeil, Ray Sawyer, Martha Woodridge, Betty Sams, Willis Walker, Daisy Shelton, Brenda Johnson and Mary Crandell. Persons discharged during

the same time period were: Kevin Parrish, James Senn, Leo Henderson, Mary Crandell, Edna Dancy, Eric Boudaw, Harvey Locklar, Mary Hudson, April McNeil, Mary Hendrick, Michael New, Sheila Bryant, Jimmy White, Betty Sams, Pearl Moseley, Ricky Kendrick, Mary Crandell, Johnnie, Daisy Shelton and Ray Sawyer.

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## Finding meaning in the work we do

by Bill Fuller, Commissioner,  
Alabama Department of  
Human Resources

Teillard De Chardin, the late French scientist, writer, and priest made the following beautiful and wise reflection on the work humans are engaged in every day: "God presents himself to us through the work he has given us to do. God awaits us in every instant in the work of the moment. There is a sense in which God is at the tip of my pen, my spade, my needle, my brush, my typewriter." In the context of Teillard's thinking, let me share part of a letter I received.

"Dear Commissioner, Today, one of our caseworkers exhibited faith and kindness, generosity, and faith in humanity while working with a family in need. I realize these stories occur every day in all 67 counties, but this story reminds me that there are so many of us working for and with families who truly believe in the philosophy and mission of our agency."

Several months ago, a young frustrated mother of two young

children walked into our office needing financial help. She was a victim of domestic violence and needed a hand up, not a hand out. She told the caseworker she did not want to live off the system, but she needed to be able to provide for her children. After contacting our office we received a C/AN (Child Abuse & Neglect) report on the mother charging lack of supervision of the children. This turned out to be a mixed blessing. While investigating, the caseworker realized how motivated this mother really was. He realized if she showed faith in this woman, she might come to believe in herself.

In this time of limited funds, the caseworker, motivated by faith and a strong belief in social work philosophy helped her with outstanding social work services. He kept her from being evicted, got churches to provide resources, assisted in her getting a new job with better pay, helped get late rent payments addressed, got day care services for the children, as well as many other services.

The best part of this young

mother's story is her life is working successfully again. She has her children and, with the caseworker's aid, a local department store is providing Christmas gifts for the children.

Isn't it amazing how our work binds us to each other? Our Creator does "present himself" in the work we do. It is even more gratifying when we perceive heaven smiles upon us when we respond to the needs of those who really need us.

I want to congratulate the caseworker that went the extra mile to ensure that the young

## July seasoned traveler

by Iris S. Davis

Even after five months living in our city of Elba, on this hot July day, Highland Drive continues to amaze us with the animal traffic through our yard.

Today a large Box Turtle<sup>1</sup> at least seven or eight inches across - was traveling on our street as we came home. It was halfway across our yard when my husband noticed him. Immediately he parked and got something to escort and divert him from the street and possible harm.

This was not a slow-paced turtle - he moved very swiftly like he knew where he was going. We watched and observed the dark brown and black bowl-shaped shell, with

head held high, move through the green grass and into the woods at the back of our yard. This seasoned traveler seemed to have determined purpose in his steps, almost as if on a mission.

Do we sometimes forget God gave us a mission and purpose for our steps in life? We need to stop and observe the people and animals placed in our lives daily. There may be someone who needs an escort or new direction pointing them to a safer place, new life in Jesus Christ.

Be observant and careful when you're driving through Highland Drive, for I am finding many precious and wonderful people and animals living here, some just traveling through.

## Calcium crisis affects American youth

by Susan Taylor  
Extension Agent/NEP

America's youth are in the midst of a calcium crisis, according to statistics from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Only 13.5 percent of girls and 36.3 percent of boys age 12 to 19 in the United States get the recommended daily amount (RDA) of calcium. Because nearly 90 percent of adult bone mass is established by the end of this age range, America's youth are at serious risk for osteoporosis and other bone diseases.

Osteoporosis is a pediatric disease with geriatric consequences, says Dr. Duane Alexander, director of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD). Preventing this and other bone diseases begins in childhood. With low-calcium intake levels during these important bone-growth periods, today's children and teens are certain to face a serious public health problem in the future.

Health risks related to low-calcium intake are not years away. Children are drinking less milk and more soft drinks and non-dairy drinks than they used to drink. The number of fractures among children and young adults has increased. Pediatricians are also seeing the reemergence of rickets, a bone disease that results from low

calcium intake. NICHD developed educational materials that are used primarily by educators, nurses and physicians to convey the importance of adequate calcium consumption among children and teens. Now, NICHD has expanded its Web site to give children and their parents more access to the information and will be adding games and other interactive content specifically for kids.

The Milk Matters Web site, [www.nichd.nih.gov/milkmatters](http://www.nichd.nih.gov/milkmatters), is an excellent source of information on calcium for health care professionals.

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4-H STATE CONGRESS was held recently on the campus of Alabama A & M in Huntsville. Competitors from Coffee County were (L-R): Christine Whitaker, New Brockton - public speaking; Brittany Thompson, Zion Chapel - public speaking; Heather Carroll, New Brockton - breads exhibit; Weston Odum, Dothan - woodworking demonstration; Carrie Edwards, Enterprise - dairy foods demonstration; Devin Kelley, New Brockton - lawn tractor Angela Hughes, County Agent; and Elizabeth Whitaker, New Brockton, accompanied the group. Katy Tyner, not pictured, was in the photography competition.

## Summer is the best time to worm livestock

by Stan Windham  
County Extension Agent

As we approach the end of summer most producers of cattle have weaned calves or are about to wean calves. Horse producers are starting to try to make plans for the winter. Goat owners continue to take a hard look at how they are going to make it through the winter and keep their goats at an efficient level. No matter what the species, no matter what you have to deal with in this trying year, internal parasites will continue to pose great threats to your profits.

Worms cannot survive our summer. Neither the eggs nor the adults can survive in the summer, once they hit the ground. The primary time of worm infestation in pastures is really in the fall and a good bit of the winter and the spring, because we have more moderate temperatures.

Therefore, the best time to "clean out" livestock of parasites that might be developing is in the summer. Moths are taking care of the eggs and adults that hit the ground, and by worming internally for these parasites, you can take care of them as well. Therefore you have a real good clean out going into the fall and winter.

Whether you are worming horses, goats, cattle, whatever the species may be, make sure you utilize a product labeled for that species. There are more wormers on the market for cattle than there are for horses or goats. Many of what you use

for cattle can also be used for goats but you do need to double check to make sure. Don't assume that just because it is labeled for cattle that it is cleared for goats as well unless it says so on the label. Be sure to check with your veterinarian to make sure that it is OK.

As far as horses go, there are several specific horse wormers on the market that can be used on a more regular basis for them. It is generally recommended that horses be wormed at least quarterly. You can alternate SafeGuard wormer with the Ivomec wormer each quarter. Some people also feel like that there would be some benefit from worming two to three times on horses through the summer then going to a quarterly worming through the rest of the year. Make sure that that wormer is labeled specifically for horses.

The six wormers labeled for cattle are Valbazen, Dectomax, Ivomec, Eprinom, Safeguard, and Synanthic. Valbazen is an oral wormer but Prier. Be careful not to use this wormer during the first 45 days of gestation of cattle. Dectomax is an injection also made by Pfizer, while Ivomec, Eprinom, Safeguard, and Synanthic are pour-on made by Merial and in an animal, you would need to double the dose of SafeGuard. Ivomec also has an injectable and a regular pour-on and an

Safeguard is an oral wormer that has been around a long time made by Hoechst-Roussel. If you have any inhibited larvae in an animal, you would need to double the dose of SafeGuard.

## ESJC offers special training courses

Two special training courses designed just for Wiregrass Area businesses and industries will be offered this fall semester at Enterprise State Junior College. A Management Seminar will be offered on two Saturdays, September 14 and 21. Customer Service Training will meet on Saturday October 12. Costs for the courses are:

The Management Seminar is designed for supervisory managers and will deal with the challenges that face supervisors to equip them to deal with those challenges successfully. Topics to be covered include managerial functions, communication, motivational principles, problem solving, leadership, change, teamwork, moral problems, workforce diversity, and conflict resolution. The cost for this two-day seminar is \$100.00. The Customer Service Training seminar is designed for

front-line employees and will teach the importance of customer service and enhancing the relationship between business and the shopping public. Topics to be covered include common customer pitfalls, developing customer service habits, that build rapport, communicating clearly with customers, providing extra service to customers, and profiting from customer complaints. The cost to attend this one-day seminar is \$50.00. To register for either or both of these seminars or for more information, contact Enterprise State Junior College at the main campus, 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234, at the Ft. Rucker campus, 598-3438, or on the website at [www.esjc.al.us](http://www.esjc.al.us).

## NOTICE

Keep Elba Dry Committee will meet Thursday, August 15, at 5:30 pm in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church. All citizens interested in defeating the Wet/Dry referendum on the November 5th ballot are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Jack E. Brunson at 897-2273 x212, or 897-6056.

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## Obituaries

## JARVIS EILAND

Mr. Jarvis Eiland, age 81, of Opp, Ala., died July 31, 2002 at the VA Hospital in Tuskegee, Ala.

Funeral services were held Aug. 3, 2002 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home with Reverend Danny Sherrer and Reverend Zealon Smith officiating. Burial followed in the New Home Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include four daughters: Cheryl Adcock, Elba; Annie Emory, Bonnie Kyzar and Lynn Morrison, all of Opp; two sons: Charles Douglas Eiland and Chester Ray Eiland, both of Opp; three sisters: Addie Pearl Forbes, Opp; Louise Miller, Brewton, Ala.; and Lucille Thornton, Hope, Hull, Ala.; three brothers: Henry O. Eiland and Edward J. Eiland, both of Elba; Thomas Jefferson Eiland, Brewton; 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Aug. 6, 2002 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home of Elba with Rev. Andrew Smith, Rev. Darwin Jordan and Dr. James Auchmuty officiating. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Mary Talbot Carnley, Elba; three daughters: Nancy Morrow, Elba; Mary Brown, Greencastle, Ind.; Melanie Jones, Madison, Miss.; two sons: Terry Carnley and Sam Carnley, both of Birmingham, Ala.; 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Aug. 6, 2002 at Whitewater Baptist Church with Rev. Bruce Williams officiating. Burial followed at the Whitewater Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include his wife: Mary W. Logan, Elba; one step son: Butch White, Brundidge; step daughter: Sandra Wright, Cramming, Ga.; two brothers: E.W. Logan and James Logan, both of Ozark, Ala.; three sisters: Sue Lucas, Dothan, Ala.; Martha Whitehead, Marietta, Ga.; Lillie Bolton, Ozark; and three step grandsons.

## JAMES PAUL "DUMP" MUSGROVE SR.

Mr. James Paul "Dump" Musgrove Sr., age 61, died July 31, 2002.

Funeral services were held Aug. 5, 2002 at Oak Grove Baptist Church in Elba with Rev. Nathaniel Flemmings officiating. Burial followed at Bethlehem Church Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mr. Musgrove was preceded in death by two daughters, Murlene Musgrove Knighten and Denise Musgrove.

Survivors include his wife: Alice Musgrove; two sons: James Paul Musgrove, Elmore, Ala.; Phillip Musgrove, Elba; four daughters: Sherry Rogers,

## ELBA, Carolyn Hunter, Opp, Ala.

Delta Freney (Albert) Dozier, Ala.; Sylvia Thomas, Enterprise, Ala.; one step son: Donald McBride (Dora), Elba; one brother: Luther Musgrove (Opal), Evansville, Ind.; three sisters: Lassie and Ethel Mae Musgrove, both of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; Betty Davis, Detroit, Mich.; his mother: Mildred Anderson; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

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Funeral services were held Aug. 4, 2002 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Michael J. Green officiating. Burial followed in Beaver Dam Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law: Ann and Morris Tate, Luverne, Ala.; one son and daughter-in-law: Dennis and Sheila Watson, Fairhope, Ala.; two sisters: Mary Guthrie, Enterprise, Margaret Kane, Sebring, Fla.; one brother: Jim Morrow, Sebring, Fla.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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## BEULAH MAE HARSTEAD

Mrs. Beulah Mae Harstead died Friday, July 26, 2002, at her home in Brooksville.

Community, Elba. She was born April 9, 1902, and was married to the late Leamon Harstead.

Funeral services were held July 31, 2002, at 11 a.m. at Hammond Funeral Chapel, Elba, with Thomas Pryor officiating. Burial was in Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery, with Hammond Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Harstead was preceded in death by a daughter, Anne Ruth Randle, and one son, Horace Harstead.

Survivors include a daughter: Luvenia Jones, Elba; three sons: Willie Mack Harstead, OZ, Harstead, Batavia, Ill.; A.D. Harstead; one brother: Joe Perry Tillis, Samson; one sister: Bonnie Magwood, Elba; 18 grandchildren, as well as great-grandchildren and others.

Funeral services were held Aug. 3, 2002, at 1:00 p.m. at Pleasant Shade Baptist Church, Enterprise, with Rev. C.A. Hammond Sr. officiating. Burial was in Johns Chapel AME Cemetery, Enterprise, with Hammond Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his mother: Virginia Jones, Daleville; five sisters: Linda Ford, Barbara Copeland, Enterprise; Jeanette (Tommy) Brundidge, Deborah (Paul) Jones, Daleville; two brothers: Lewis (Annette) Jones, Daleville; Willie (Shonoka) Jones, Daleville; special friends: Jackie Telis, Enterprise and Damon Thompson, Daleville.

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## Homecoming planned at Woodland Grove Baptist Church

Woodland Grove Baptist Church (Hwy 239, Elba) will celebrate homecoming on Sunday, August 11 at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon. A singing will follow in the afternoon.

## Basin Baptist to celebrate Homecoming, Sunday, August 11

Basin Baptist Church will be observing Homecoming Sunday, August 11. Rev. Sam Totten, minister at Basin Baptist invites everyone to attend.

## New Haven Baptist Church to have gospel singing

New Haven Baptist Church (County Road 410, 5 miles South of Elba) will hold a gospel singing on August 17, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. The featured groups will be Master's Call and Kathy Harrell. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Benefit Bar B Q to be held for John Boutwell at Mt. Pleasant Church

A Benefit Bar B Q will be held for John Boutwell on Sunday, August 11, 2002 from 10:30 a.m. until at Mount Pleasant Church. Plates will include Bar B Q, rice, coleslaw, Brunswick stew and dessert. For more information call Old Country Store at 393-5721 or Barbara Medley at 393-1602.

## John Lanier to be in concert at Klondyke Gospel Music Center

John Lanier will be in concert on August 9, 7:00 p.m. at the Klondyke Gospel Music Center. The concert will be held in the church fellowship hall. All family and friends are invited to attend.

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**Scripture: Proverbs 1:1-27**  
\*\*\*Thinking of you, praying for you: The Musgrove, McBride and Heath families, Estelle English, Estelle Franklin, John Haley, Sr., Lovie Hooks, Mary Davis, Julia Phillips, Mary Daniels, Homer C. Coleman, Cath Knight and Wallace Belcher.  
\*\*\*Harris Temple Outreach Ministry presents their First Conference at Harris Temple C.O.G.I.C., Elba, Ala. on August 10, 2002 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Registration time will be August 10, 2002 at 9:00 a.m.  
\*\*\*Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church will hold a revival August 12, August 16 at 7:00 p.m. nightly. The evangelist for the week will be Nathaniel Larkins, pastor of Sweet Pilgrim M.B. Church in Brundidge, Ala.  
\*\*\*Members of Shiloh Baptist Church in Tarrant and Rocky Head, M.B. Church in Elba, attended revival services at Sweet Pilgrim M.B. Church in Brundidge, Ala. on Friday, August 2, 2002. Rev. A.R. Williams pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church and Rocky Head was the evangelist for the week. Combined choirs of Shiloh and Rocky Head rendered music. Samantha Williams was the pianist.  
\*\*\*A church league only softball tournament will be held August 24, 2002 starting at 9:00 a.m. at Hawkins Williams Park in Elba, Ala. Sponsored by A.R. Williams and Rocky Head M.B. Church family (3731 Hwy 125 Elba, 897-2210). For more information contact Rev. A.O. Edwards 897-1475, Freddie Culver 897-8216, Evelyn Manning 897-2006 or Pastor Williams 897-2891. The entry fee is \$50.00.  
\*\*\*Back-to-School. Praise will be Saturday, August 10, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at Shady Grove A.M.E. Church in Elba, Ala. The youth of all churches that would like to participate are asked to give a presentation of praise (skit, dance, mime, etc.). For more information contact Contina Caldwell at 897-0977.  
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## Mt. Vernon Assembly of God Church to celebrate homecoming

Homecoming will be held at Mt. Vernon Assembly of God Church Sunday, August 11. The Gan Brothers from Panama City Fla. will be in concert at 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

## A variety of options offered to students at ESJC

A variety of options are offered to students attending Enterprise State Junior College this Fall Semester. In addition to regular day and evening classes offered at the main and Ft. Rucker campus, students may choose to take classes in a condensed form during mini-sessions. The first mini-session will run August 21-October 11. The second mini-session will run October 14-December 11. Students interested in attending the second mini-session MUST register during regular registration prior to classes beginning.

## Whitewater Baptist Church to hold gospel singing

Whitewater Baptist Church will hold a gospel singing on August 9, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. The featured group will be Voice of Praise from Lexington, Ky. Free admission; nursery will be provided.

## Gospel singing to be held at The American Legion Building in Elba

A gospel sing will be held Saturday evening, August 10 at the American Legion building on North Troy Hwy at Legion Field in Elba. Doors will be open at 5:00 p.m. for an indoor picnic; the concert will begin at 6:00 p.m. Featured groups include: Derek Snellgrove, Praise from Lexington, Ky. Free admission; nursery will be provided.

## WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT...?

A Service of the Elba Church of Christ

What must one do to have everlasting life? Unknown. There should be no doubt in a person's mind as to what the answer is to this question when he reads "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life, and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36). It should not be hard to realize that if one will believe on the Son then he will have everlasting life. And Jesus made it clear as to why we must believe on Him when He told His apostles before ascending to heaven: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:18-20). Jesus has all authority, therefore we must do what He has commanded - not what any other person says we should do. So should we just believe that Jesus is the Son of God and expect to have everlasting life? Well, if that is all that Jesus commands, then yes, that is all we need to do. But, His word commands more than just believing; for it also commands one to repent (Luke 13:3), make the good confession (Acts 8:37; Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized in order to be saved (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38). For the Bible makes clear that a person is not saved by faith only (James 2:24). It is interesting to note that the second "believeth" in John 3:36 can also be translated "obeyeth" as in the American Standard Version. For the second word comes from Greek word that means "disobedient." Therefore, if one "obeyeth not the Son" (John 3:36) he will suffer God's wrath. Now where is that made any more clear than as Paul wrote: "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels. In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power" (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9). If one obeys not what Jesus says, then he will not have everlasting life. And, one who does not obey, does not believe on Jesus.

Jimmy Simmons  
If you would like to submit a question for consideration to be used in this column, please send it to "Questions and Answers," c/o Elba Church of Christ, P.O. Box 299, Elba, AL 36823. We invite everyone to attend the services of the Elba Church of Christ.

## Church Directory

<b>IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN</b> <b>ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.	<b>EANON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 6:15 p.m.	<b>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.	<b>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Pastor: Danny Sherrer, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.	<b>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH</b> Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:15 p.m.	<b>MULBERRY HTS. CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Pastor: R. B. Williams, Minister Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.	<b>NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH</b> Pastor: Ray Gales, Minister Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.	<b>VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Pastor: Donnie Marler, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:45 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.	<b>WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Pastor: Bruce W. Williams, Pastor Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet: 7:00 p.m.
<b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD</b> Pastor: Ron Stallard, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHET</b> Pastor: J. E. Wesley, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Afternoon: 5:30 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE</b> Pastor: Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 6:15 p.m.	<b>ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH</b> Pastor: Rev. Roy Davis Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.	<b>HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Pastor: Shirlie Ellis, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 6:30 p.m.	<b>MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Pastor: Dr. Tony Dye, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	<b>NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH</b> Pastor: Rev. Ben McKee, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.	<b>ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH</b> Pastor: A. R. Williams, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:30 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays	<b>WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH</b> Pastor: Mike Medley, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet: 7:00 p.m.
<b>ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Pastor: Rev. John E. Bester, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.	<b>ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Pastor: Rev. Roy Davis Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Pastor: Rev. Roy Davis Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Pastor: Rev. Roy Davis Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Pastor: Rev. Roy Davis Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Pastor: Rev. Roy Davis Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Pastor: Rev. Roy Davis Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Pastor: Rev. Roy Davis Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Pastor: Rev. Roy Davis Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.

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# LIFESTYLES

## AARP meeting scheduled for August 20

The Elba AARP Chapter members were entertained by "Aunt Maggie" at a recent meeting. She (Peggy Stroud) spoke to the group about the importance of laughter in their lives, and how to "practice" laughing often. She said that since her retirement, she has been doing a lot of research about the importance of laughter and likes to share this info with others.

The next AARP meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 20, at 6 PM, for a covered dish dinner meeting at the Elba Sr. Center.

## Annette Griswold attends training session sponsored by the Alabama Association of School Boards

A local school board member was among some 250 educational leaders who attended a recent training session to learn how to better use achievement test results to improve their schools' instructional programs. Annette Griswold, a member of the Coffee County Board of Education, joined school board members, superintendents and school board attorneys participating in the July 18-20 meeting sponsored by the Alabama Association of School Boards.

During the seminar, former Maryland school administrator Dr. Kathy Gemmerling taught participants how her school system used individual students' achievement test scores to track the students' improvement from year to year as well as the system's performance. The seminar comes as the Alabama Department of Education prepares to release student test scores broken down by individual students and student groups (such as by race and gender) for the first time next month.

The training school board members and superintendents received here will be vital as they begin using this new data to identify strengths and weaknesses in their teaching programs and working to shore up areas that are lacking. AASB Executive Director Dr. Sandra SimsdGraffened said.

Also during the conference, state Superintendent Dr. Ed Richardson discussed the state Board of Education's plan for helping all Alabama schools improve the education they are providing.

The conference also featured a presentation on leadership by Auburn University professor Dr. Willie Larkin.

The conference was part of AASB's national award-winning School Board Member Academy. Established in 1986, the academy is a series of educational programs for school board members designed to help them improve their boardman skills.

Mrs. Griswold became a member of the Coffee County school board in 2000. Griswold and other Academy participants earned credit for attending the conference in an effort to reach one of several Academy achievement levels recognized by AASB.

## Republican Women of Coffee County to meet in Enterprise

Republican Women of Coffee County will be meeting at Po Folks Restaurant, 650 Boll Weevil Circle on Wednesday, August 21st at 11:30 a.m. for their luncheon meeting. Congressman Terry Everett and candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture & Industries, Dr. J. Lee Alley will be addressing the club. The menu will be a choice of grilled chicken sandwich, or hamburger with fries. Includes drink for \$7.00 including. The public is invited. For reservations call Fay McCrary at 393-0471.

## College Days Program to be held at ESJC August 13

The 25th Annual College Days Program will be held August 13th at Enterprise State Jr. College. This year the sessions will include computer (internet) sessions, silk flower arranging, health updates, investment information and others.

## FALL REGISTRATION

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Pictured left to right, back row: Eric Nelson, Opp; Brian Lee, Andalusia; front row: Nichole Henson, Opp and Nimisha Patel, Elba.



Paula Self and Shane Bragg announce wedding plans

Paula Self and Shane Bragg announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Kathy Milam and Paul Self of Wetumpka. Paula is a 2001 graduate of Billingsley High School and is currently employed in Montgomery.

The groom is the son of Tim and Deborah Bragg of Jack, Shane is a 1996 graduate of Zion Chapel High School and is currently employed in Montgomery.

The wedding will be held at Victoria Baptist Church on August 24, 2002 at 2:00 in the afternoon, the reception will follow in the church fellowship hall. All family and friends are invited to attend.

## Dr. Joseph Talmadge to speak to SAR

The causes of the American Revolution will be the topic of a presentation by Dr. Joseph D. Talmadge during a meeting of the members of the Wiregrass Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, on August 15 at 11:30 a.m. in The Bawls.

Talmadge is a retired president of Enterprise State Junior College. He held post from 1981 to 1994. He was named dean in 1965.

The Enterprise based patriotic organization open its meetings to all active and former SAR members and their guests, President James D. Lee said.

During the business portion of the meeting, members will firm plans for a joint Constitution Week luncheon meeting on September 19 with members of the John Coffee Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

For more information contact Lee at 774-3912, Bruce H. Taylor at 347-8736 or Richard A. Kemp at 308-2391.

## Damascus School Reunion planned for August 10

The annual Damascus School Reunion will be held Saturday, Aug. 10, from 10:30 until on the site of the old school building on County Road 514 and corner of State Road 87. This is the site of the old Damascus Senior Citizens Building. Bring a covered dish. Bring pictures and articles for door prizes and auctions.

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## Parker Reunion to be held Saturday, August 24

The Parker reunion will be held Saturday, August 24, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Farm Center in New Brockton, Ala. The reunion will be held for the descendants and relatives of Peter Parker of North Carolina who settled in present day Basin Community of Coffee County in 1820. Attendees should bring a covered dish and/or a beverage. Bring family history information and old family pictures.

## Fairview Baptist Church plan revival services

Fairview Baptist Church will have revival beginning Sunday, Aug. 18, at the 11:00 a.m. service. Sunday evening service will be 6 p.m.

Monday - Wednesday, Aug. 19 - 21, services will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Guest evangelist will be Wayne Sharpe of Opp. Junior Kelley will lead the singing.

Everyone is invited.

## First Assembly of God in Elba to have Missions service August 11

Pastor Roy Davis and Elba First Assembly of God Church invite everyone to join them for a Missions service, Sunday morning August 11 at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Special guest missionaries are Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Welch, missionaries to South Africa.



Hayden Disotell

## Hayden Disotell is seven years old

Hayden Disotell turned seven years old on August 3, 2002. He is the son of Brandy Hawthorne and Eddy Disotell of Elba.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald W. Whitworth request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Kayron Whitworth to Kelly Patrick Shehee son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Shehee on Saturday, the tenth of August Two thousand and two at five o'clock in the afternoon Westside Baptist Church Elba, Alabama Reception following the ceremony Westside Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

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# COMMUNITY

## Notice to Military retirees who have I.D. cards expiring in September

Military retirees whose I.D. cards would expire in September might find it more convenient to come in for a new card soon.

The I.D. Card Section at Fort Rucker's Soldier Service Center

will be closed for several days beginning Aug. 26 (Monday) to convert to a new computer and card system.

Military retirees who need new cards can come in between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays

now through Aug. 23 (Friday). Active-duty soldiers and civilian employees will not be affected the same way — they'll be scheduled to receive improved I.D. cards after the new system is in place.

## Girl Scout registration is now underway in Elba and Zion Chapel

Girl Scout registration is now under way in Elba and Zion Chapel! Girl Scouting is the world's preeminent organization dedicated solely to girls, where in a nurturing and accepting environment, girls build character and skills for success in the real world. The program

inspires girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism and service. Girl Scouts is for all girls ages 5 - 17. Daisies - Kindergarten, Brownies - 1st - 3rd grade, Juniors - 4th - 6th grade, Cadettes - 7th - 9th grade, and Seniors 10th-12th grade.

Elba registration: Please call Enterprise Girl Scout Office, Alicia Cardwell, Membership Specialist, 347-1965 for day and time. Zion Chapel registration: Tuesday, August 20th - 6:00 p.m. - Elementary Cafeteria.

## Girl Scout Troop #484 receives special honor

On May 19, 2002, five members of Zion Chapel Junior Girl Scout Troop #484 received the highest honor a Junior Girl Scout can receive. Brittany Cardwell, Marlena Dickey, Courtney Grant, Jessica King and Ashley Parrish each achieved this honor. Receiving the Bronze Award shows they have made a promise to help others, improve their community, and become the best they can be. This award also shows their true accomplishments as a Junior Girl Scout.

To receive the Bronze the girls had to pick and complete a 15 hour service project that would benefit someone or something in the community. The girls decided to paint the pasturage at Hebron Baptist Church because they had provided a meeting place for them for the last four years. Before beginning the service project they had to complete two badges related to the project. They completed Ms. Fix-it and Architecture. Then they had to complete Girl Scout Sign which is an award based on the four program goals. Step three was to complete the leadership pin. At this point



Pictured (left to right): Ashley Parrish, Jessica King, Courtney Grant, Brittany Cardwell, (not pictured - Marlena Dickey)

they were able to begin their project. The girls were responsible for planning the project, approval of the project, buying the supplies needed, and doing the actual labor of the project. After taking 10 hours of free Saturday and Sunday work, they had completed the project. The girls had painted the pasturage, cleaned windows and carpet and cutting the grass, the girls had truly worked hard for this award.

The five girls received their

## Wallace Community College improves services to busy students

"User friendly." That's the way Wallace Community College wants to be!

Wallace officials are committed to service and are constantly seeking ways to make college life easier and more accessible for its 4,000 plus students.

According to Sally Buchanan, WCC's director of public relations and marketing, the College has revised a number of its programs and procedures in its efforts to meet the scheduling needs of its busy students.

Buchanan referred to a recent nationwide survey conducted by The American Association of Community Colleges and ACT Inc. The survey of 100,000 community college students shows that today's average college student is 25 years of age or older and is seeking career advancement.

"Today's college students work full-time and support their families," said Buchanan. "They can't afford to quit work to return to school, so we must find ways to help them squeeze education and training into their already busy schedules."

According to Buchanan, technology has helped accomplish some changes in the way Wallace is able to serve its students.

For example, the College opened its first on-line registration opportunities this fall. Students may log onto the WCC website (www.wallace.edu) and select courses from the schedule of classes and may then select the registration icon to complete the process.

Likewise, the College's distance learning program allows students to attend class via the Internet. The virtual classroom is equipped with communication tools, including a chat line, a discussion board, e-mail and a white board. Students download notes and assignments and participate in real-time and posted discussions.

Wallace currently offers 44 on-line courses, and is the largest distance learning program in Alabama's two-year college system.

Distance learning is also an excellent opportunity for high school students to take advantage of the College's dual enrollment-dual credit programs. Buchanan said, "Qualified students can enroll in the program and complete a number of college courses before graduating from high school."

One student, 17-year-old Justin Abercrombie of Louisville, used the WCC distance learning program to complete his first year and a half of college before he graduated

from Dixie Academy last spring. Abercrombie plans to transfer all of the credits he earned in the WCC program to Auburn University, where he will major in pharmacy.

Buchanan said the College is also seeking more "traditional" methods of helping squeeze educational time into working students' schedules. For example, the College has increased the number of evening classes in certain programs.

Most recently, Wallace announced its plans to offer evening classes in auto body repair at the Wallace Campus in Dothan. Buchanan noted this adjustment was a result of steadily increasing demands in services for refinishing and painting automobiles. "This is just one example of our attempt to expand a program to help meet workforce and student demands," she said. "Students who work during the day have asked for evening classes, and we are trying to accommodate their schedules."

Twelve percent of those surveyed noted a return to college because of a major life-changing experience. "The number of displaced factory workers in Southeast Alabama is a prime example of a 'life-changing experience' that has led many students to return to the community college system," said Buchanan. Nationwide, the most popular programs in the survey—health sciences and technology (30 percent), business-related fields (17 percent) or computer and information technology (15 percent)—are also the most sought after programs at Wallace.

"More and more students are coming back to college because they recognize there is a big difference in a job and a career," said Buchanan. "Jobs come and go, but a career is yours forever."

Two programs of particular interest in Southeast Alabama's workforce development saw a large number of graduates this spring. More than 130 students received certificates or diplomas in the College's nursing programs and 71 students received credentials in aviation maintenance and/or avionics technology.

Enrollment in the College's aviation maintenance program has steadily increased for more than a year, with a combined increase of 65% last fall at its Aviation Campus in Ozark and the Mobile Center.

Likewise, the College's allied health and nursing programs continue to thrive. Among the allied health programs available at Wallace are emergency medical services, medical assisting,

nursing (associate degree and practical), radiologic technology, physical therapist assistant and respiratory therapist.

Of course, the College offers associate degrees and certificates in a number of other career fields, including air conditioning and refrigeration, automotive technology, business and office information processing, child development, civil engineering, technology, computer information science, drafting and design technology, electrical technology, industrial electronics technology, machine tool technology, auto body repair, cabinetmaking and carpentry, cosmetology, masonry, small engine repair, upholstery, and welding technology.

Another convenience available at Wallace is the opportunity to earn credits in corporate and continuing education. The College offers a wide array of special interest, medical and computer courses each year.

According to Dr. Pat Byrne, WCC's director of corporate and continuing education, the College creates programs and provides custom training for businesses seeking to educate its employees in advancements in technology and day-to-day business operations.

"When a business purchases a new computer system or software, their employees need to learn the new program quickly," said Byrne. "We can offer this training at a reasonable price to help the business achieve a smooth transition without any interruption in their daily business activities."

Healthcare and business professionals are able to obtain continuing education credits necessary for licensure in their fields by attending these courses. Among the College's fall line-up are "Breast Cancer Awareness," "Spanish for the Healthcare Professional," Southeast Alabama Substance Abuse Conference" and others.

Likewise, the College's special interest courses—like "Holiday Floral Decorations," "Hunter Safety," "Piano For Fun" and "Let's Get Organized!"—allow individuals to learn new hobbies and simply have fun.

"The beauty of the community college system," said Buchanan, "is the College's ability to sculpt its programs to meet the needs of the community. After all, Community is our middle name!"

For more information about programs and services available at Wallace Community College, call 1-800-543-2426, or visit the WCC website at www.wallace.edu.

## West Nile

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tions with West Nile virus and other mosquito-borne diseases is to avoid getting mosquito bites. Other viruses that are transmitted by mosquitoes, including those that cause St. Louis Encephalitis (SLE) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE), already exist in Alabama and people can take the following precautions to protect themselves and their family against them:

- Empty standing water in old tires, cemetery urns, buckets, plastic covers, toys, or any other container where "wrigglers" and "tumbler" live.
- Empty and change the water in bird baths, fountains, wading pools, rain barrels, and potted plant trays at least once a week if not more often.
- Drain or fill temporary pools with dirt.
- Keep swimming pools treated and circulating and rain gutters unclogged.
- Use mosquito repellents, when necessary and follow label directions and precautions closely.
- Use head nets, long sleeves and long pants if you venture into areas with high mosquito populations, such as

- salt marshes.
- If there is a mosquito-borne disease warning in effect, stay inside during the evening when mosquitoes are most active.
- Make sure your home, porch, and patio have tight-fitting screens that keep mosquitoes out. All mosquitoes need standing water for the first stages of development. Eliminate stagnant water around your home, where mosquitoes can lay eggs, by disposing of old tin cans, jars, tires, plant pots, and any other container that can hold water. In the spring, inspect rain gutters and downspouts and remove any leaves and other debris. Stack wheelbarrows, tubs, buckets, barrels, boats or canoes, etc. upside down so that water cannot accumulate in them. Empty stagnant bird baths, lily ponds, small wading pools, etc. at least once a week. Properly maintain backyard swimming pools to discourage the development of mosquitoes. Cover any pool not in use so rainwater and leaves do not accumulate in it. Be sure the cover does not hold pockets of water.
- Replace your outdoor

- lights with yellow "bug" lights to discourage mosquitoes.
- Use a mosquito repellent that contains DEET (N, N-diethyl-methyl-meta-toluamide) on exposed skin. Use products containing 10% or less DEET for children and no more than 30% for adults. Do NOT use products containing DEET on infants. Carefully read and follow directions on the container and wash treated skin when mosquito exposure has ended.
- Citronella candles and lamps can help repel mosquitoes from outside areas during social activities.
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What symptoms will I have if I am infected with West Nile virus?

Symptoms usually occur 3-15 days after the bite of an infected mosquito. Most people (over 90%) who are infected with WNV will have no symptoms or may have a mild flu-like illness with a fever, headache, and body aches before they recover. In some individuals, particularly the elderly, the virus can cause a serious illness called encephalitis, which is an inflammation of the brain. People with encephalitis are sick enough that they will seek medical care and be hospitalized. Symptoms of encephalitis may include high fever, severe headache, nausea, stiff neck, confusion, muscle weakness, paralysis, disorientation, convulsions, coma, and rarely, death. In addition to those symptoms, people with WNV infections may also have skin rash and enlarged or swollen lymph nodes.

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## Elba firemen fill the boot for MDA



The Elba Fire Department participated in the Fill the Boot campaign on Saturday, Aug. 3, in an effort to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) or Jerry's Kids. This was the second year the department participated in the campaign, and the firemen were able to exceed last year's donations. Elba fireman Randy Hawthorne is captured above holding his boot during the recent campaign. Hawthorne was only one of the many Elba firemen that battled the summertime heat to help with this nationally recognized campaign. Representatives from the fire department will present the money the firemen raised during the annual MDA and Jerry's Kids telethon which will be held Labor Day weekend. The presentation will be made in Montgomery.

## Officials continue to urge citizens to avoid mosquitoes

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

There have been three cases of West Nile virus in South Alabama in the last few weeks. Neither of the cases resulted in a death, but did require some hospital time.

Health officials are urging citizens to take precautions when outside. First they urge to avoid being outside during early morning and late afternoon if possible. This is the time when mosquitoes are most active.

Citizens, especially those with low immune systems, are encouraged to dress in long pants and long sleeve shirts if they are going into areas with a lot of mosquitoes. They are also urged to cover exposed skin with a coating of mosquito repellent, one that contains DEET. A 10% is recommended for children (none for infants) and a 30% spray is recommended for adults. After leaving the mosquito infested areas, people are urged to wash with soap and water, the areas coated with the repellent. Business, owners and homeowners are encouraged to empty standing stagnant water in boats, old tires, buckets, flower pots, jars, cans, clogged rain gutters, etc. to eliminate breeding places for the mosquitoes. Bird baths and lily ponds should get fresh water every three days, and at least once a week. Swimming pools which are not kept active should be drained immediately and then securely covered to prevent accumulation of rainwater.

During Coffee County Commission meeting

## Presentation made to Billy Joe Richburg family

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission held its regular bimonthly meeting at a special time Monday evening, Aug. 12, to allow for a touching ceremonial presentation to the family of the late Col. Ret. Billy Joe Richburg.

Richburg, a native of Coffee County, passed away earlier this year, and the Coffee County Commission insisted Monday evening that he will always be remembered for his tireless efforts in assisting Coffee County through its emergency management needs.

Richburg worked with the state emergency management

agency and through the years assisted Coffee County with many of its needs following natural disasters.

As he presented Richburg's family with a plaque of appreciation and read a proclamation honoring Richburg, Commission Chairman Tom Grimsley expressed a deep gratitude to Richburg and commended his family for sharing him with the county.

Following the presentation, commissioners jumped immediately to the agenda items and were addressed by Ron Merritt, a representative of the Pea River Historical and Genealogical Society.

Merritt began by giving com-

missioners a brief synopsis of the society. He said it operates four facilities within the county and has about 350 members. He added that only about 40 or 50 of the members are actually from Coffee County.

"Today's happenings are tomorrow's history," Merritt said. "Unfortunately, we don't worry about history until tomorrow."

These statements led him to his purpose for attending Monday's meeting as he explained to commissioners that the society is in need of additional funds.

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In regards to Coffee County Commission Chairmanship

## One commissioner takes offense to another's letter

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The issue of the commission chairmanship continued to be a hot topic for the Coffee County Commission Monday evening, Aug. 12, as the matter reached a new level of intensity.

Commissioner Jim Thompson opened the issue for discussion with his response to a copy of a letter each commissioner received from commissioner Bernest Brooks.

Thompson quickly made clear his disapproval of the letter saying he felt it indicated that Brooks was referring to the other commissioners as racists. "I am offended by the letter you put in my box," he said with his remarks directed towards Brooks.

The letter Thompson referred to was a letter written by Brooks to Attorney James U. Blacksher of Birmingham.

In the letter, Brooks indicated he feels as though "the Coffee County Commission is allegedly trying to carry out some of the

old policies—Racism." He said his basis was the consent decree concerning the case John Dillard vs. Crenshaw.

However, Brooks' questions do not include all parts of the consent decree. He said his concern is with the election of the commission chairman.

"We have elected a chairman as directed by the Judge, but after serving on the Coffee County Commission for nine years I have been unable to be elected chairman," Brooks stated in his letter.

He continued by saying he feels some things should be reconsidered in the matter. Brooks said Blacksher was one of the lead attorneys in the Coffee County Case (class action law suit John Dillard vs. Crenshaw). He asked Blacksher to look into the matter and get whatever information necessary to the Judge.

"It is evident that a minority commissioner in Coffee County with the past and the present commission will not be elected chairman unless the court order

is amended," Brooks wrote. During Monday evening's commission meeting, Brooks defended his letter saying he does not feel the current election process for chairman has been fair.

"I feel it is still my responsibility to represent my district," he said. "I feel I should have all rights and privileges as the other commissioners."

During a previous meeting of the commission, Brooks offered a motion that the commission chairmanship be rotated instead of elected; however, his motion failed.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple had questioned the rotation process indicating he did not see how a rotation process could serve as the resolution since there are seven districts in Coffee County and only four years to a commission term.

Monday evening, Brooks responded to this question with

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## C.C. Schools experience enrollment increase

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education wasted no time in filling a vacant board member's seat as a swearing-in ceremony headlined the Thursday, Aug. 8, meeting of the board.

During the previous meeting of the board, District Six board member Gene Barksdale tendered his resignation which became effective Thursday, Aug. 1. Barksdale's letter informed board members that he was planning to move out of the area and would no longer be able to serve on the board.

With that, board chairman Charles Walker proposed the board contact Larry Eddins of Enterprise and ask him to consider filling the District Six board seat for the duration of his term. Walker said Barksdale had recommended Eddins for the position.

All members concurred with Walker's proposal, and Thursday evening, Aug. 8, Eddins officially became a member of the Coffee County Board of Education after being sworn-in to office as the District Six representative.

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram told board members that the first week of school was a good one, and she seemed encouraged with the school system's enrollment numbers for the first week.

Ingram said systemwide enrollment was up 28.99 students from the previous year with the biggest increase being at the Zion Chapel Schools where enrollment was up 32.5 students.



Coffee County Probate Judge William Gammill (left) conducts the swearing-in ceremony Thursday evening, Aug. 8, for newly appointed board member Larry Eddins (right). Eddins fills the District Six seat of the Coffee County Board of Education which was vacated by Gene Barksdale on Thursday, Aug. 1.

As for the other schools, Ingram said New Brocton, Elementary School was down by four students, New Brocton High School was up by five and Kinston Schools was down by 4.5.

Ingram also mentioned the school system's jumpstart program which was held for all kindergarten students. "I'm tickled by the attendance

we had at jumpstart," she said. "I think it made things go more smoothly on the first day of school."

Ingram said over 100 students participated system wide in the program with 31 attending at Kinston, 33 attending at New Brocton and 45 attending at

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## Elba addresses mosquito problem

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

It didn't take the Elba City Council but just a few minutes to move through the prepared agenda Monday evening. They paid the monthly bills, made three board appointments, heard the city clerk report on a scheduled electrical outage, upcoming paving project and the mosquito problem.

Jim Driscoll was reappointed

to the airport authority for another six year term. Scott Kelley and Nancy Brunson were each reappointed to three year terms on the Board of Zoning Adjustments.

Monthly bills totaling \$17,675.93 were approved for payment. These included \$5,145.76 for vehicle and equipment repair; \$1,670.39 for asphalt and rock; \$784.85 for sewer supplies; \$775.50 for Pee Wee football equipment; and \$1,029 for a security camera system in the police department. This camera system is being donated by two unnamed local businesses.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham reported to the council that there would be an official electrical power outage over a large part of the city on Wednesday night from midnight until about 4 a.m. Thursday. Workers will be installing some new replacement switches at one of the electrical substations.

The clerk also noted that work was scheduled to begin this week on street resurfacing of several downtown streets including Court, Factory, Simmons and Collier Streets.

The threat of West Nile virus from infected mosquitoes was

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## Area Happenings

**ELECTRIC OUTAGE** The Elba Electric Department will have a scheduled interruption of electrical services beginning Wednesday night, Aug. 14, at midnight and continuing until 4 a.m. If Thursday morning, Aug. 15, Elba area affected will be the entire downtown area, Mulberry Heights, Newtown, Clayton Avenue to the Old Reserve Center, and the Troy Hwy to Bypass 203. The outage is necessary to make repairs to the substation and will be held weather permitting.

**HEROES FOR THE AMERICAN RED CROSS** fundraising campaign for the Coffee County Chapter of the American Red Cross is in its final week. Contact Herby McCall at City Hall 897-2261, Brian McLeod at National Security 899-2273 Ext. 241, or Scott Kelley at Kelly Foods 897-5242 Ext. 102 to make a personal donation. Or, drop contributions into the containers with the Red Cross logo at participating local merchants.

**OPEN HOUSE** Five Star Fire Department will have an Open House to unveil its newly renovated fire station Sunday, Aug. 18, from 2-4 p.m.



The family of the late Billy Joe Richburg listen as Coffee County Commission Chairman Tom Grimsley reads a proclamation Monday evening, Aug. 12, honoring Mr. Richburg. The proclamation, which was signed by all commissioners, expresses the county's gratitude towards Richburg and the work he did for Coffee County throughout the years and end before his death earlier this year.